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ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Indianapolis - Randolfo Acosta-Sanchez, 32, Mexico, was sentenced to 12 months in prison today by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans. Barker following his guilty plea to illegal reentry into the United States after being previously deported, announced Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. This case was the result of a investigation by the Shelbyville County Sheriff's Department and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

Acosta-Sanchez had been arrested by Shelbyville County, Indiana, Sheriff's Department officials on March 6, 2009, for driving without a license. Jail officials in Shelbyville then called Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials because Acosta-Sanchez was illegally in the United States. An investigation by ICE officials determined that Acosta-Sanchez had been detected at the U.S. / Mexico border 27 times and returned to Mexico, officially deported five times in 2003 and 2004, and had suffered two misdemeanor convictions for illegal reentry in Arizona in 2004. Acosta-Sanchez has no prior felony convictions.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker noted at sentencing that she had skepticism about Acosta-Sanchez's promise to go to Mexico and not come back to the United States in rejecting his plea for credit for time served of four months. She observed that his behavior and all the resources he had caused immigration officials to use to deport him was abusive and he had developed a deep pattern of non-compliance with the United States laws concerning entering the country legally.

Acosta-Sanchez will be deported at the end of his term of imprisonment.

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